

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

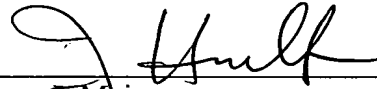
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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